

Maryland Historical Trust
State Historic Sites Inventory Form

Survey No. WO-203

Magi No. 2402035704

DOE yes no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic

and/or common "Mr. Pitts new house"

2. Location

street & number 23 South Main Street not for publication

city, town Berlin vicinity of congressional district 1st

state Maryland county Worcester

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<u> </u> district	<u> </u> public	<u> </u> occupied	<u> </u> agriculture
<u> </u> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<u> </u> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<u> </u> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<u> </u> commercial
<u> </u> structure	<u> </u> both	<u> </u> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<u> </u> educational
<u> </u> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<u> </u> entertainment
<u> </u> object	<u> </u> in process	<u> </u> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<u> </u> government
	<u> </u> being considered	<u> </u> yes: unrestricted	<u> </u> industrial
	<u> </u> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<u> </u> no	<u> </u> military
			<u> </u> museum
			<u> </u> park
			<u> </u> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
			<u> </u> religious
			<u> </u> scientific
			<u> </u> transportation
			<u> </u> other:

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Mr. and Mrs. Clay Reister

street & number 10 Crest Haven Drive telephone no.: 641-7446

city, town Ocean Pines, Berlin state and zip code MD 21811

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Worcester County Courthouse liber

street & number Market Street folio

city, town Snow Hill state MD

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date federal state county local

depository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

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Condition

☐ excellent
☐ good
☒ fair

☐ deteriorated
☐ ruins
☐ unexposed

Check one

☐ unaltered
☒ altered

Check one

☒ original site
☐ moved date of move _____

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

Situated on a small parcel of land at the convergence of Church, Tripoli and South Main Street, this 2½ story frame dwelling is prominently displayed. It's hip roof, covered with slate shingles, features cross gables of varying sizes and projections on three sides. A frieze board extending from the boxed cornice to the top of second floor windows extends around the structure. Windows are 1/1 throughout with evidence of entablature molding at the top of the surround. The structure is sheathed with weatherboards and its cornerboards also show evidence of having entablature molding, creating a slender pilaster effect. The same details are seen in the neighboring house at 21 South Main Street.

The front (West) facade is five bays across, the three left bays located in a large cut-away cross gable. The gable peak features fish-scale shingles and a rectangular window opening flanked by smaller windows. The door is in the fourth bay from the left with an oversized window in the remaining bay. A verandah set on brick piers extends across the front facade and wraps partially around the north side. There is evidence of two other entrances, one in the northwest diagonal side of the front bay and another at the end of the verandah on the north side; these having been changed to windows by an earlier occupant.

The property is bordered on the South Main and Tripoli Street sides by a low stone wall, three courses of ashlar block, the top being castellated. This wall is undoubtedly connected to the 1905 reconstruction of the stone Buckingham Presbyterian Church that is located across the street.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates

Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☒ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

Its prominent location, style and scale make the dwelling at 23 South Main Street of great importance in Berlin's historic district. In addition it is one of five houses, three of which remain, that were similar in scale and style built on the east side of South Main Street in a row after Berlin's extensive 1904 fire.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name _____

Quadrangle scale _____

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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Zone Easting Northing

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Zone Easting Northing

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Verbal boundary description and justification

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
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state	code	county	code
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11. Form Prepared By

name/title Page Hammond

organization Berlin Historic District Commission date November, 1985

street & number 313 South Main Street telephone 641-0773

city or town Berlin state MD

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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Miss Nancy Purnell House (Mr. Pitts New House)

23 S. Main Street (MD 818), Berlin

This is a plat map of a residential area in Tripoli. The map shows a grid of lots, many of which are numbered with 'P.' followed by a number. The streets shown are STREET, BAY, ST., CHURCH, and TRIPOLI. A specific lot, P.1482, is highlighted with a thick black border. Other lots shown include P.1093, P.1094, P.1095, P.1096, P.1097, P.1099, P.1100, P.1101, P.1102, P.1471, P.1472, P.1473, P.1474, P.1475, P.1476, P.1477, P.1479, P.1480, P.1481, P.1482, P.1483, P.1484, P.1486, P.1487, P.1490, P.1491, P.1492, P.1493, P.1570, P.1572, P.1574, P.1576, P.1577, P.1579, P.1584, P.1587, P.1588, P.1589, P.1590, P.1591, P.1592, P.1593, P.1594, P.1595, P.1596, P.1597, P.1598, P.1599, P.1600, P.1601, P.1602, P.1603, P.1604, P.1605, P.1606, P.1607, P.1608, P.1609, P.1610, P.1611, P.1612, P.1613, P.1614, P.1615, P.1616, P.1617, P.1618, P.1619, P.1620, P.1621, P.1622, P.1623, P.1624, P.1625, P.1626, P.1627, P.1628, P.1629, P.1630, P.1631, P.1632, P.1633, P.1634, P.1635, P.1636, P.1637, P.1638, P.1639, P.1640, P.1641, P.1642, P.1643, P.1644, P.1645, P.1646, P.1647, P.1648, P.1649, P.1650, P.1651, P.1652, P.1653, P.1654, P.1655, P.1656, P.1657, P.1658, P.1659, P.1660, P.1661, P.1662, P.1663, P.1664, P.1665, P.1666, P.1667, P.1668, P.1669, P.1670, P.1671, P.1672, P.1673, P.1674, P.1675, P.1676, P.1677, P.1678, P.1679, P.1680, P.1681, P.1682, P.1683, P.1684, P.1685, P.1686, P.1687, P.1688, P.1689, P.1690, P.1691, P.1692, P.1693, P.1694, P.1695, P.1696, P.1697, P.1698, P.1699, P.1700, P.1701, P.1702, P.1703, P.1704, P.1705, P.1706, P.1707, P.1708, P.1709, P.1710, P.1711, P.1712, P.1713, P.1714, P.1715, P.1716, P.1717, P.1718, P.1719, P.1720, P.1721, P.1722, P.1723, P.1724, P.1725, P.1726, P.1727, P.1728, P.1729, P.1730, P.1731, P.1732, P.1733, P.1734, P.1735, P.1736, P.1737, P.1738, P.1739, P.1740, P.1741, P.1742, P.1743, P.1744, P.1745, P.1746, P.1747, P.1748, P.1749, P.1750, P.1751, P.1752, P.1753, P.1754, P.1755, P.1756, P.1757, P.1758, P.1759, P.1760, P.1761, P.1762, P.1763, P.1764, P.1765, P.1766, P.1767, P.1768, P.1769, P.1770, P.1771, P.1772, P.1773, P.1774, P.1775, P.1776, P.1777, P.1778, P.1779, P.1780, P.1781, P.1782, P.1783, P.1784, P.1785, P.1786, P.1787, P.1788, P.1789, P.1790, P.1791, P.1792, P.1793, P.1794, P.1795, P.1796, P.1797, P.1798, P.1799, P.1800, P.1801, P.1802, P.1803, P.1804, P.1805, P.1806, P.1807, P.1808, P.1809, P.1810, P.1811, P.1812, P.1813, P.1814, P.1815, P.1816, P.1817, P.1818, P.1819, P.1820, P.1821, P.1822, P.1823, P.1824, P.1825, P.1826, P.1827, P.1828, P.1829, P.1830, P.1831, P.1832, P.1833, P.1834, P.1835, P.1836, P.1837, P.1838, P.1839, P.1840, P.1841, P.1842, P.1843, P.1844, P.1845, P.1846, P.1847, P.1848, P.1849, P.1850, P.1851, P.1852, P.1853, P.1854, P.1855, P.1856, P.1857, P.1858, P.1859, P.1860, P.1861, P.1862, P.1863, P.1864, P.1865, P.1866, P.1867, P.1868, P.1869, P.1870, P.1871, P.1872, P.1873, P.1874, P.1875, P.1876, P.1877, P.1878, P.1879, P.1880, P.1881, P.1882, P.1883, P.1884, P.1885, P.1886, P.1887, P.1888, P.1889, P.1890, P.1891, P.1892, P.1893, P.1894, P.1895, P.1896, P.1897, P.1898, P.1899, P.1900, P.1901, P.1902, P.1903, P.1904, P.1905, P.1906, P.1907, P.1908, P.1909, P.1910, P.1911, P.1912, P.1913, P.1914, P.1915, P.1916, P.1917, P.1918, P.1919, P.1920, P.1921, P.1922, P.1923, P.1924, P.1925, P.1926, P.1927, P.1928, P.1929, P.1930, P.1931, P.1932, P.1933, P.1934, P.1935, P.1936, P.1937, P.1938, P.1939, P.1940, P.1941, P.1942, P.1943, P.1944, P.1945, P.1946, P.1947, P.1948, P.1949, P.1950, P.1951, P.1952, P.1953, P.1954, P.1955, P.1956, P.1957, P.1958, P.1959, P.1960, P.1961, P.1962, P.1963, P.1964, P.1965, P.1966, P.1967, P.1968, P.1969, P.1970, P.1971, P.1972, P.1973, P.1974, P.1975, P.1976, P.1977, P.1978, P.1979, P.1980, P.1981, P.1982, P.1983, P.1984, P.1985, P.1986, P.1987, P.1988, P.1989, P.1990, P.1991, P.1992, P.1993, P.1994, P.1995, P.1996, P.1997, P.1998, P.1999, P.2000, P.2001, P.2002, P.2003, P.2004, P.2005, P.2006, P.2007, P.2008, P.2009, P.2010, P.2011, P.2012, P.2013, P.2014, P.2015, P.2016, P.2017, P.2018, P.2019, P.2020, P.2021, P.2022, P.2023, P.2024, P.2025, P.2026, P.2027, P.2028, P.2029, P.2030, P.2031, P.2032, P.2033, P.2034, P.2035, P.2036, P.2037, P.2038, P.2039, P.2040, P.2041, P.2042, P.2043, P.2044, P.2045, P.2046, P.2047, P.2048, P.2049, P.2050, P.2051, P.2052, P.2053, P.2054, P.2055, P.2056, P.2057, P.2058, P.2059, P.2060, P.2061, P.2062, P.2063, P.2064, P.2065, P.2066, P.2067, P.2068, P.2069, P.2070, P.2071, P.2072, P.2073, P.2074, P.2075, P.2076, P.2077, P.2078, P.2079, P.2080, P.2081, P.2082, P.2083, P.2084, P.2085, P.2086, P.2087, P.2088, P.2089, P.2090, P.2091, P.2092, P.2093, P.2094, P.2095, P.2096, P.2097, P.2098, P.2099, P.2100, P.2101, P.2102, P.2103, P.2104, P.2105, P.2106, P.2107, P.2108, P.2109, P.2110, P.2111, P.2112, P.2113, P.2114, P.21

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